

# DAREDEVIL

THE MAN WITHOUT FEAR!

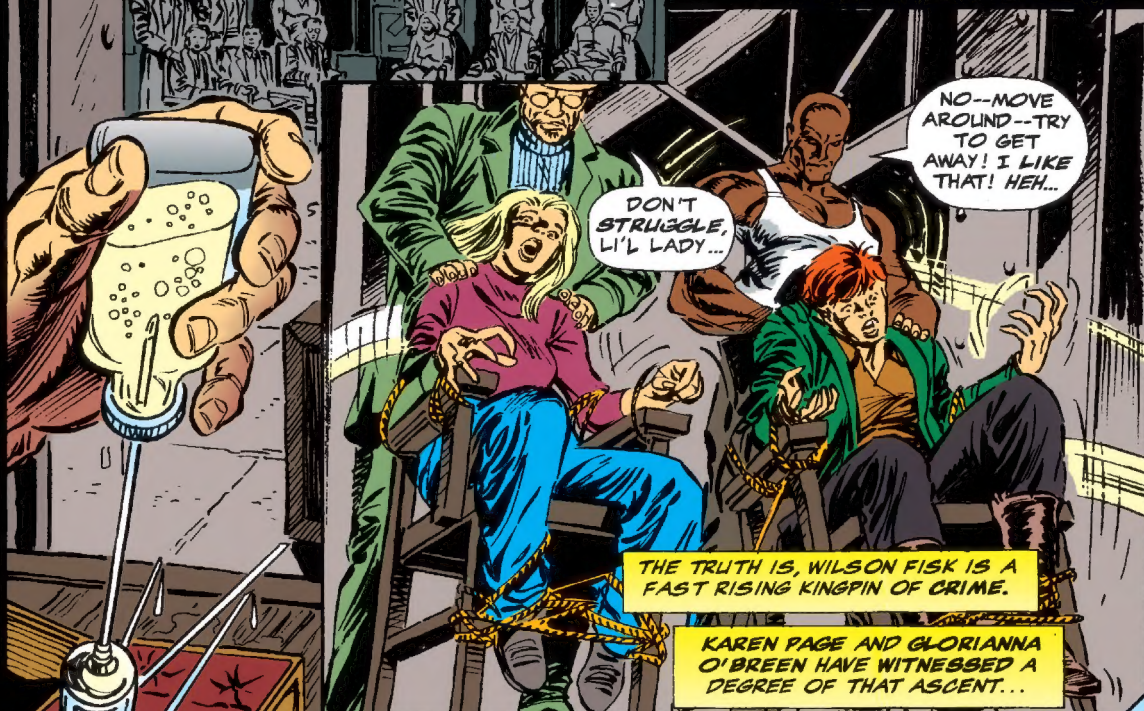




HERE'S A LITTLE PIECE OF THE PAST YOU WON'T FIND LISTED UNDER "NOSTALGIA."

"PSYCHOTIC NIGHTMARE" MIGHT BE MORE LIKE IT.

EAST PENNSYLVANIA. A WAREHOUSE OWNED BY THE INNOCUOUS-SOUNDING FISK WHOLESALE SPICES.



THE TRUTH IS, WILSON FISK IS A FAST RISING KINGPIN OF CRIME.

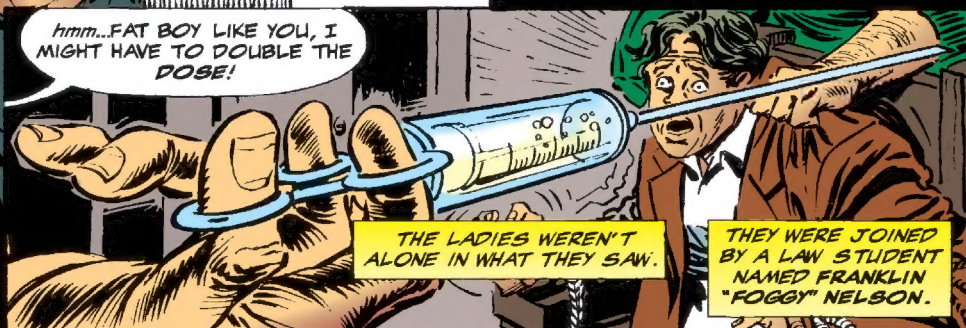
KAREN PAGE AND GLORIANNA O'BREEN HAVE WITNESSED A DEGREE OF THAT ASCENT...

...AND FOR THAT PRIVILEGE, THEY MUST PAY A HIGH PRICE.



DON'T WORRY--YOU WON'T REMEMBER A THING!

hmm...FAT BOY LIKE YOU, I MIGHT HAVE TO DOUBLE THE DOSE!



THE LADIES WEREN'T ALONE IN WHAT THEY SAW.

THEY WERE JOINED BY A LAW STUDENT NAMED FRANKLIN "FOGGY" NELSON.



A REPORTER WHOSE  
BYLINE READS BEN URICH.

HURTS,  
huh?  
WAIT.

WHEN IT REALLY  
HITS, THIS IS  
GONNA SEEM  
LIKE A KISS...

SHE'S  
THE LAST  
OF THEM...

AN ASSISTANT D.A. KNOWN  
AS KATHY MALPER.

...AND JUST  
AS LOST!

PUT 'EM IN  
THE TRUCK!

NOT EVERYONE  
SURVIVES THE  
ORDEAL.

GOT THEIR  
ADDRESSES?

YEP. DUMP 'EM  
HOME LIKE NOTHIN'  
HAPPENED!

BUT THE KINGPIN  
ENDURES...

...AND THAT'S  
REALLY ALL THAT'S  
IMPORTANT.

I DON'T MEAN TO BE  
CRASS, MR. FISK, BUT THE  
SIZE OF THIS JOB MAKES IT  
QUITE EXPENSIVE...

YOU'LL GET  
YOUR MONEY,  
KAI-SHEK!

BALANCING  
THE SHEETS WITH  
A TRAITOR LIKE  
KRUEL IS WORTH  
ANY COST...



THE CAUSE OF ALL THIS MISERY IS SIMPLY MURDER.

A CRIMINAL JUDAS NAMED VIC KRUELLER.

"KRUEL" TO FRIENDS--IF HE HAD ANY--AND ENEMIES ALIKE.

VIC STOLE FROM WILSON FISK.

FOR THAT TRANSGRESSION, HE WAS BLUDGEONED AND BURNED AND LEFT FOR DEAD.

AS IT TURNED OUT, KRUEL DIDN'T LOSE HIS LIFE THAT LONG-AGO NIGHT.

HIS MIND WAS ANOTHER THING ENTIRELY.

COGNIZANT THOUGHT GAVE WAY TO STARK FURY.

AND ANYTHING HUMAN WAS REPLACED BY A PRIMAL NEED FOR REVENGE.





INVEIGLE'S AUTO  
YARD, BROOKLYN.

THEY ARE THE LIGHT  
AND DARK OF THE CITY  
OF NEW YORK.

PERPETUAL AVARICE.

RELENTLESS JUSTICE.

YOU'VE LEFT  
QUITE A WAKE  
OF BODIES,  
FISK!


MAYBE  
IT'S TIME  
YOU JOINED  
THEM...

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# MALIGNANCY

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SH...THE "NEW"  
DAREDEVIL  
FINALLY COMES  
CALLING!

THERE MIGHT BE  
AMUSEMENT IN  
TAKING CREDIT FOR  
WHAT'S GOT YOU SO  
RILED--IF I HAD A  
CLUE WHAT YOU WERE  
TALKING ABOUT!


THE ATTACKS  
ON KATHY MALPER  
AND BEN URICH  
AND HIS WIFE--  
THE MURDER OF  
GLORIANNA  
O'BREEN!

ALL FRIENDS  
OF THE "OLD"  
DAREDEVIL--ALL  
TARGETS FOR  
SOME TWISTED  
GAME OF PAYBACK  
YOU'RE PLAYING!



YES, I READ  
ABOUT THEM.  
TRAGIC. THE  
CITY IS A  
DANGEROUS  
PLACE.

BUT THEIR  
PAIN WASN'T  
MY DOING.  
"HERO". WOULD  
YOU LIKE TO  
KNOW THE  
GUILTY PARTY?



YOU'RE FAR  
FROM INNOCENT,  
FAT MAN. BUT I'LL  
LISTEN TO WHAT  
YOU'VE GOT TO  
SAY!


EXCELLENT! YOUR  
PREDECESSOR AND I  
ENJOYED A LONG AND  
PROSPEROUS  
RELATIONSHIP...



...I LOOK  
FORWARD TO  
SHARING THE  
SAME SPIRIT OF  
COOPERATION  
WITH YOU!



ANOTHER TIME,  
PERHAPS.



THE MAN YOU  
WANT IS VIC  
KRUELLER...



..."KRIEL" AS HE LIKED TO BE CALLED! I ONCE GAVE HIM SOME EXCELLENT EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES.

BUT HE ABUSED MY TRUST BY USING MY INNOCENT SPICE IMPORT BUSINESS AS A WAY TO BRING IN DESIGNER DRUGS! SHOCKING!

THERE WERE... REPERCUSSIONS. KRIEL DIDN'T DEAL WELL, AS IT WERE.

HIS CURRENT VICTIMS MAY HAVE ENCOUNTERED HIM DURING THAT UNHAPPY TIME. THAT CONNECTION--

--ACCENTED BY VIOLENCE--IS HELPING KRIEL TO REMEMBER HIS PAST! HIS ULTIMATE DESIRE IS TO GET BACK AT ME--

--WHO HE UNFAIRLY BLAMES FOR HIS OWN TROUBLES! NATURALLY, I'M DISTRAUGHT OVER WHAT'S HAPPENED...

...I'M AS EAGER AS YOU TO SEE THIS MADNESS STOP!

DON'T THINK FOR ONE MINUTE I BUY ALTRUISM AS YOUR MOTIVE, FISK!

IF YOU'VE GOT HISTORY WITH KRIEL, HIS MAD DOG ROUTINE CAN'T BE MAKING YOU LOOK GOOD!

I WON'T WASTE TIME DEFENDING MY MOTIVES, DAREDEVIL-- NOT WHEN OUR TIME IS BETTER SERVED TRACKING OUR MUTUAL GOAL!

WOULD YOU LIKE TO DRIVE?

DON'T PUSH YOUR LUCK, WILLIE.



KAREN PAGE'S  
APARTMENT.

DON'T TRY AND TELL  
THESE GUYS THAT FACT.

THEY LIKE TO THINK THEY'VE  
CORNERED THE MARKET ON  
BIG APPLE REAL ESTATE.

THAT MAY BE THE CASE.

THIS, THEN, WOULD  
BE A FORM OF  
EVICTON NOTICE.

KAREN HASN'T HAD MUCH  
LUCK WITH NEW YORK'S  
PREMIER TABLOID, EITHER.

HER AD HAS NETTED  
RESULTS THAT CAN BE  
DESCRIBED AS  
"INCONSISTENT".

MAYBE YOU  
CAN OUTLIVE A  
NUKE--BUT YOU  
DON'T STAND A  
CHANCE WITH THE  
DAILY BUGLE!

AT WORST, THEY'RE JUST  
PLAIN "OUT THERE".

YEAH, I'M  
REAL GOOD AT  
UNDERCOVER WORK,  
HONEY! Y'KNOW?  
UNDERCOVER?

WANNA  
TRY MY  
CLIFFS?

EITHER ONE OF  
THESE, SISTER--I  
ALWAYS GET MY  
MAN!

UURRRP!

I USED TO  
WATCH, uh,  
JACK BOND  
AND uh,  
MAGNET P.I.  
AND uh,  
SHIRLEY.

MY MOM GOT  
ME THESE FOR  
CHRISTMAS...



IT'S NO IDLE NEED  
THAT DRIVES  
KAREN'S SEARCH.

SOMEWHERE IN THE FIVE  
BOROUGHES, POR-  
NOGRAPHERS ARE ABUSING  
YOUNG CHILDREN.

KAREN'S SEEN THE TORTURED  
EXPRESSIONS IN A HI-TECH  
"INTERACTIVE" COMPUTER  
PROGRAM.

IT'S A MIRROR OF HER  
OWN TRIALS UNDER A  
PORNOGRAPHER'S LENS.

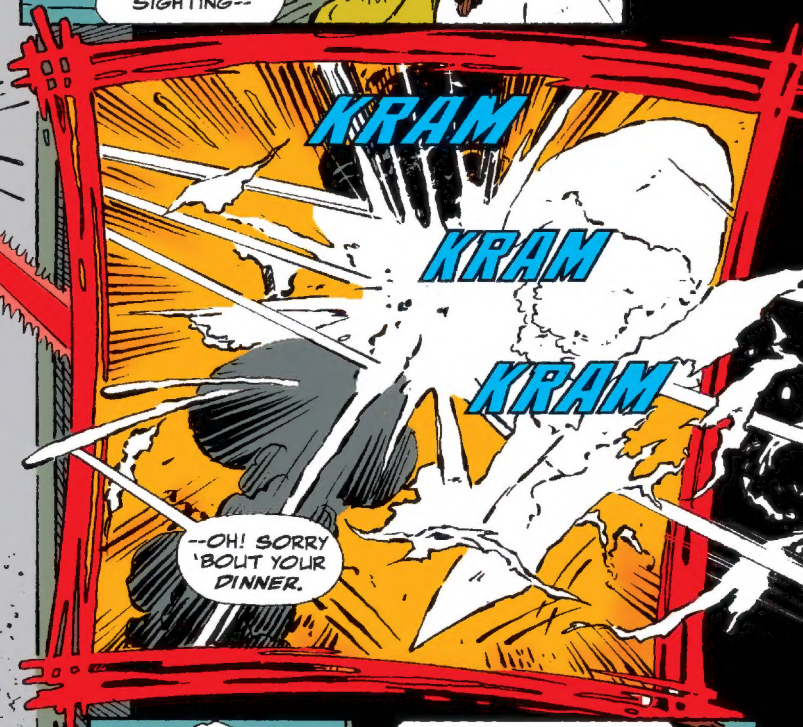
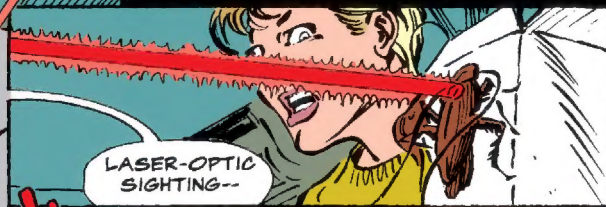
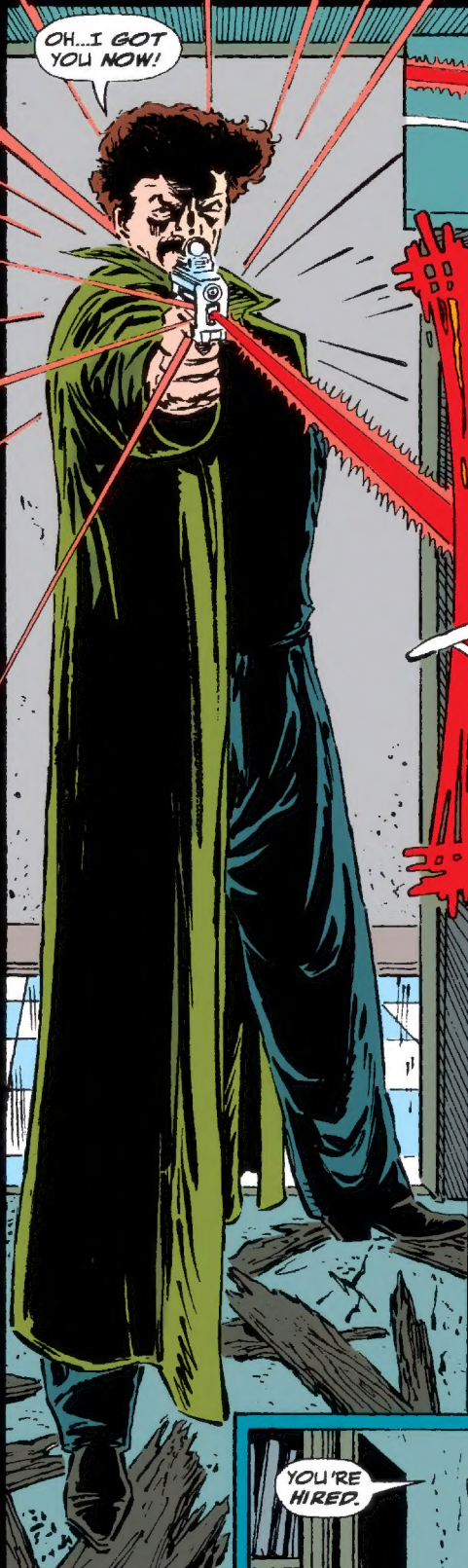
IT'S AN OUTRAGE  
KAREN CAN  
NEITHER LET  
CONTINUE NOR GO  
UNPUNISHED.

YOU S.O.B.S JUST  
PICKED THE WRONG  
LO MEIN--

TRTKRAAM

WHO ARE  
YOU?! WHAT  
ARE YOU  
DOING--?!







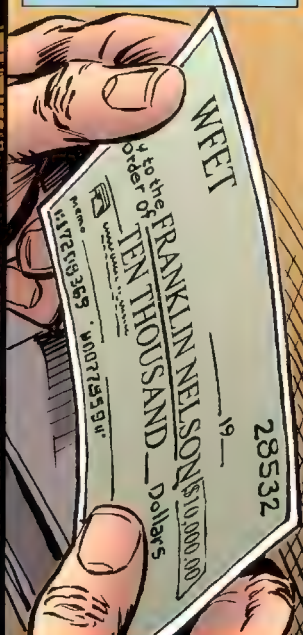
MARCUS GARVEY  
MEMORIAL PARK.

FOGGY NELSON KNOWS  
THIS ISN'T THE CITY'S  
SAFEST NEIGHBORHOOD--

--BUT THE VIEW FROM THE  
FIRE WATCHTOWER  
PROVIDES A VIEW THAT'S  
ALWAYS HELPED THE  
LAWYER CLEAR HIS HEAD.

RIGHT NOW, ANY SENSE  
OF CLARITY IS WELCOME.

PAYING THE BILLS  
THESE DAYS MEANS  
DEFENDING A SHOCK  
JOURNALISM TV  
SHOW.



FINDING LEGAL  
LOOPHOLES TO  
ESCAPE THE CLAIMS  
OF THE PROGRAM'S  
SLANDERED VICTIMS.

IT DOESN'T SIT WELL WITH THE  
ATTORNEY'S IDEALS.

HE'S NEVER COMPROMISED  
VALUES EASILY.


Y-YOU CAN'T DENY  
YOUR WORK'S BEEN  
PLAGIARIZED,  
PROFESSOR--I SAW  
THE ORIGINAL  
PAPER!

DON'T GET ON  
A HIGH HORSE WITH  
ME, NELSON! I'LL  
END YOUR CAREER  
BEFORE IT EVEN  
BEGINS!

DESPAIR SENT  
THE LAW  
STUDENT RUNNING  
INTO THE NIGHT.







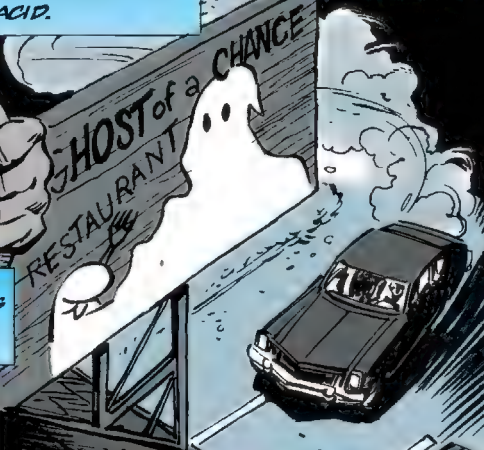
FOGGY CRUMPLED THE  
THREAT HIS PROFESSOR  
WROTE OUT, INK MIXING WITH  
SWEAT AND BURNING LIKE  
ACID.

HUNGER WOULD  
FINALLY OVER-  
COME GRIEF.




AND THE NEXT THING FOGGY  
WOULD REMEMBER IS THROWING  
THE HARASSMENT BACK IN THE  
PROFESSOR'S FACE.

YOU'RE A FRAUD--  
AND YOU'LL FACE THAT  
BEFORE THE BAR!



NELSON! GET BACK  
HERE, YOUNG MAN!  
YOU'RE GOING DOWN,  
YOU HEAR ME? I'LL  
PERSONALLY--



PROFESSOR GOLDE  
LOST HIS LICENSE TO  
PRACTICE LAW. FRANKLIN  
NELSON EARNED HIS--




I  
WISH YOU  
WERE HERE,  
MATT.

--AND HUNG A SHINGLE  
WITH HIS FRIEND AND  
PARTNER, MATTHEW  
MURDOCK.

THEN MATT DIED--OR  
SO HIS PARTNER HAD  
BEEN LED TO BELIEVE.

MATT IS ALSO DAREDEVIL  
AND WAS FORCED TO FAKE  
HIS DEATH TO PROTECT HIS  
FRIENDS.

THIS ONE HAS BEEN  
FORCED INTO KILLING OFF  
PART OF HIMSELF, TOO.



YOU COULD TELL  
ME WHAT TO DO...

I GOT A  
SUGGESTION  
FOR YOU,  
NELSON--





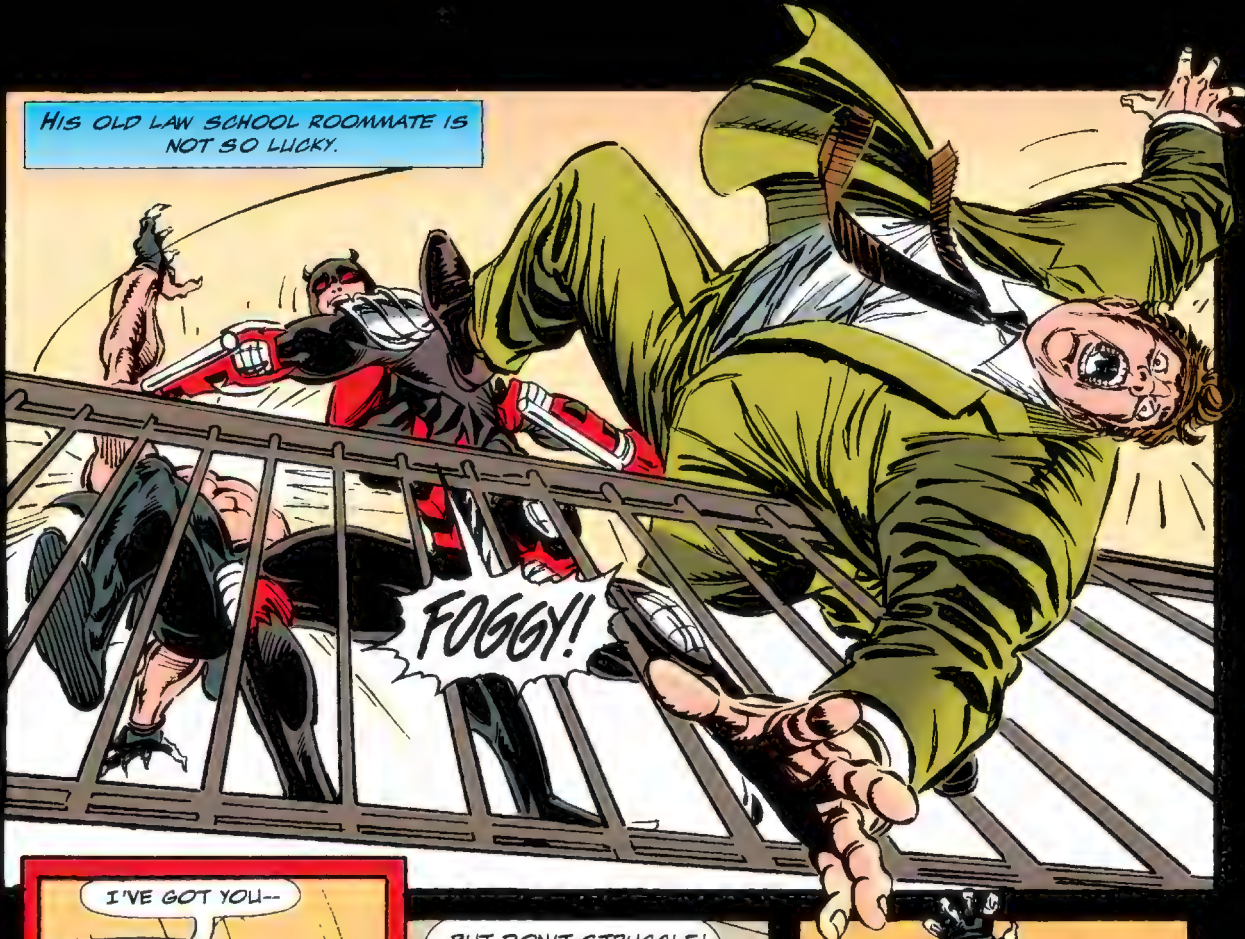
BENEATH THE HORNS, MATT MURDOCK IS LEGALLY BLIND. BUT HIS OTHER SENSES ARE SO ALIVE AS TO BE SUPERHUMAN.



DAREDEVIL EASILY AVOIDS KRUEHL'S ATTACK.



HIS OLD LAW SCHOOL ROOMMATE IS NOT SO LUCKY.



I'VE GOT YOU--

--BUT DON'T STRUGGLE!  
I HAVE TO GET SOME  
LEVERAGE--



NO TIME,  
HORNHEAD!







LEAVE HIM  
ALONE, KRUEL!

IT'S ME YOU  
WANT, ISN'T  
IT?

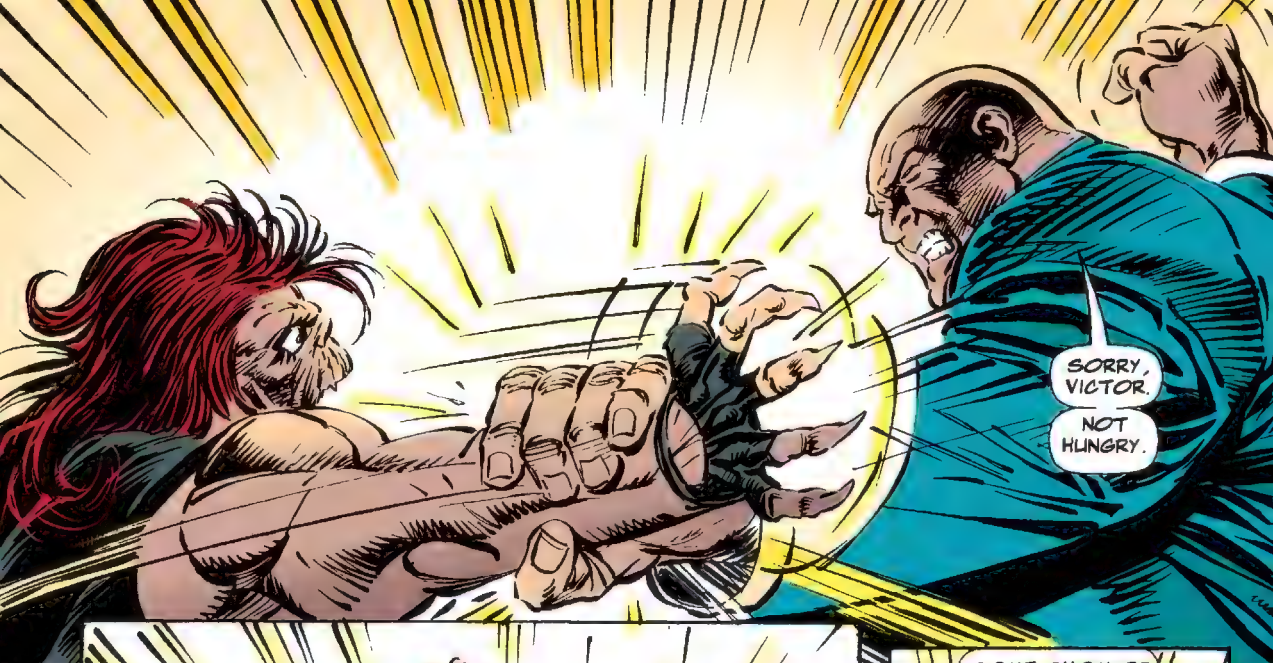
THE--THE  
FAT MAN.

F-FISK!  
WILSON  
FISK!

I REMEMBER  
NOW! ALL OF IT!

AND I'M GOING TO  
FEED IT BACK TO YOU  
IN YOUR OWN BLOOD!

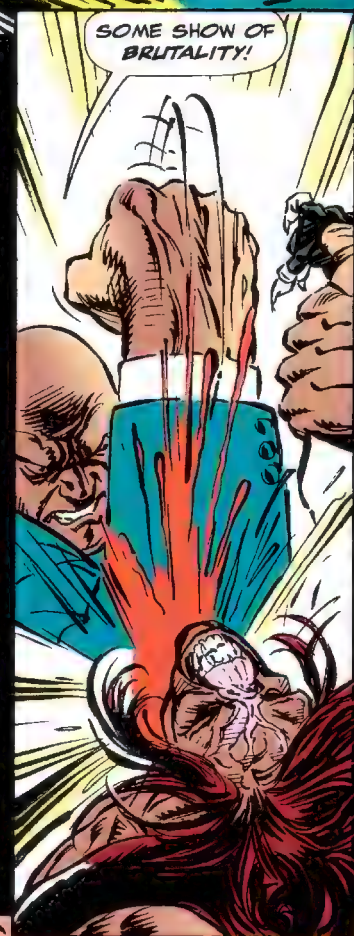




SORRY,  
VICTOR.  
NOT  
HUNGRY.



THAT WAS IT? ALL  
THOSE YEARS OF  
HATRED?  
I EXPECTED  
SOMETHING TRULY  
RAW.



SOME SHOW OF  
BRUTALITY!



I TAUGHT YOU TO  
BE RUTHLESS,  
KRUEL!  
IT LOOKS LIKE  
YOU NEED A NEW  
LESSON--



HYPERKEEN SENSES LOCK ONTO  
KRUEL'S AGONY.



ENOUGH,  
KINGPIN!  
DON'T TOUCH  
HIM AGAIN!

YOU'RE  
KILLING  
HIM!







IT'S  
WHAT HE  
DESERVES...

THEN GO  
AHEAD.

AND I'LL  
GUARANTEE  
YOU'LL GET  
THE SAME.

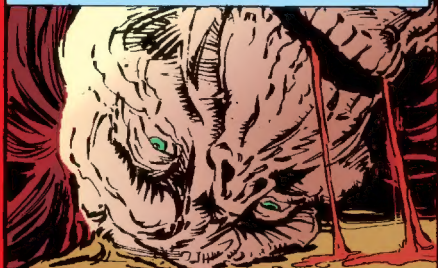




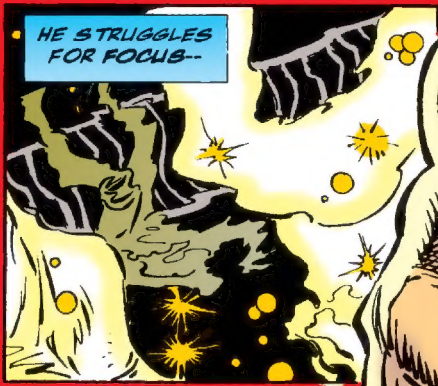
YOU CONTINUE THE TRADITION OF COMPASSION YOUR PREDECESSOR MADE FAMOUS. HOW TOUCHING.

BUT YOU'RE RIGHT, OF COURSE. NO SENSE SOILING ONE'S HANDS ON GARBAGE...

THE MADNESS INSIDE VIES FOR CONTROL OF KRUEL, THREATENING A RETURN TO OBLIVION.

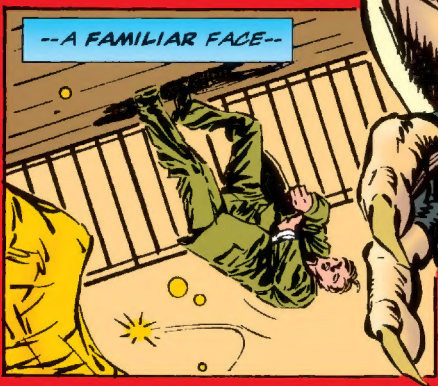


HE STRUGGLES FOR FOCUS--



--AN AVENUE TO RECAPTURE HIS LONG LOST SENSE OF SELF.

--A FAMILIAR FACE--



YOU--YOU WERE THERE! HELP ME! HELP ME REMEMBER WHO I WAS!



DAREDEVIL'S INTERNAL "RADAR" SKETCHES CRUDE FORM IN HIS HEAD.

HE PLOTS THE ANGLES--



--AND MAKES THE  
HARD CALL.

GET  
DOWN!

SHREEK!

I JUST  
WANT--WHO  
I AM!

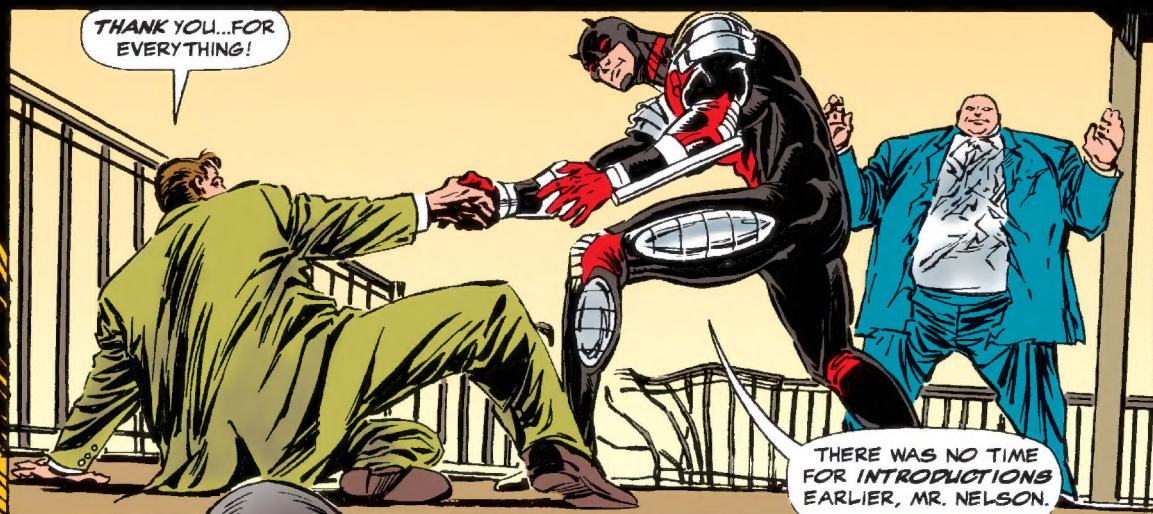
THERE'S STILL A CHARGE  
ON YOUR HEAD IN THE  
MURDER OF JIMMY SABINI!

NOT SO FAST,  
FISK! THIS  
ISN'T OVER.

YOU'VE NO  
RIGHT TO IT...  
...BUT REST  
IN PEACE...









THE BLIND MAN'S FINGERS SCAN  
THE NEWSPRINT, "READING" THE  
RAISED RIDGES OF INK.

HE READS THE TRUTH BETWEEN  
THE LINES AND THE LIES...



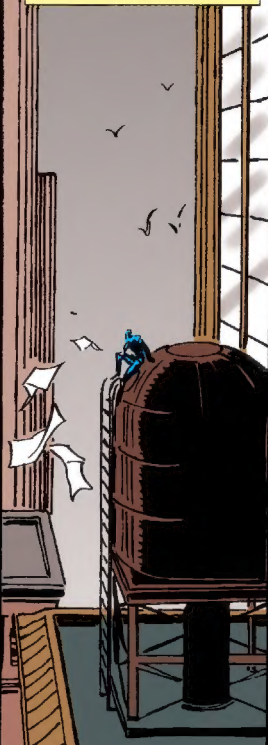
WILSON FISK SOMEHOW  
DISCOVERED THE WHOS AND  
WHERE'S OF THE WITNESSES  
AGAINST HIM.

THEY WILL NEVER BE SEEN  
AGAIN...

...EXCEPT PERHAPS BY  
FISK FEASTING DEEP IN  
THE HUDSON RIVER.



JUSTICE HAS  
NEVER COME EASY  
IN THIS CITY.



BUT FOR ALL ITS  
HARDSHIP, JUSTICE  
WILL NEVER HAVE A  
GREATER ADVOCATE  
THAN MATTHEW  
MICHAEL MURDOCK.

